

United States  
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Bureau of Land Management  
Eugene District Office

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

Background: The Bureau of Land Management, along with other partners, is considering constructing a wetlands environmental education center on the West Eugene Wetlands administrative site. The property is public land managed by BLM. In order to determine the physical feasibility of constructing a building at this site, geotechnical investigations must be done. Such investigations typically involved digging test trenches to install testing equipment and obtain soil samples.

Proposed Action: The Proposed Action is to dig 4 to 6 trenches, approximately 4 feet wide, 10-12 feet long, and 12 feet deep. Each trench would be dug, measurements and samples taken, then filled in. Each trench would be open for about a day. Trenches would be dug with a rubber-tired backhoe. Work would occur during the spring of 2003.

The Proposed Action is consistent with the *West Eugene Wetlands Plan (2001)* and the Eugene District ROD/RMP (June 1995).

Decision: The proposed action described above is approved.

Rationale: The proposed action is needed to ensure that the West Eugene Wetlands administrative site is physically suited for construction of an environmental education building. The action qualifies as a categorical exclusion as described in the Departmental Manual (\*516 DM 2, Appendix 5.4F(9) "Digging exploratory trenches" and does not meet any of the exception criteria.

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Field Manager

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**Exception Criteria Review Checklist**

Proposed Action: Wetlands Education Center Geotechnical Investigations

Review the proposed action against each of the 10 criteria listed below. If the project meets one or more of the criteria, it is an exception from categorical exclusion and **MUST** be analyzed in an EA or EIS. To qualify as a Categorical Exclusion the proposed action may not meet any of the criteria. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable." Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page.

Exception Criteria		Comments
1.	Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety	none
2.	Have adverse effects on unique resources (i.e., parks, recreation, refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, wetlands, flood plains, etc.)	none
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects	none
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks	none
5.	Establish a precedent that could result in significant impacts	none
6.	Be directly related to other actions having cumulatively significant effects	none
7.	Have adverse effects on cultural or historical resources	none
8.	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed as threatened or endangered or have adverse effect on designated critical habitat for these species.	none
9.	Require compliance with E.O. 11988 (flood plain management), E.O. 11990 (protection of wetlands), or the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act	none
10.	Threaten to violate Federal, State, Local or Native American law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment	none
Mitigation measures needed to qualify as CE: *		

Reviewed By: /s/ Rick Colvin

Date: 2/3/03

Above mitigation measures have been adopted and will be implemented.

Field Manager: /s/ Steven Calish

Date: 2/3/03